MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) and (b) There have been complaints from time to time from the users of VSAT regarding functioning of VSAT. Two main sources of problem were failure of power supply units and some non-functioning Radio Frequency (RF) units in a specific batch on arrival. Such complaints were/are attended to promptly and faults have since been rectified. Installation, operation and maintenance of VSATs is the responsibility of the Education & Research Network (ERNET) Project of the Department of Electronics.

(c) Contract were given in June, 1996 by National Centre for Software Technology (NCST), on behalf of, and on the direction of Project ERNET of Department of Electronics, for maintenance of VSAT Equipments to a private party namely M/s Hughes Escorts Communications Ltd., New Delhi who are the Indian subsidiary of the principal supplier of the equipment with expertise and nationwide network to undertake the job. These contracts are coming into operation progressively and complaints are being attended to meet the requirement of users.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Problems of Western States

628. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since worked out any comprehensive and well-integrated programme to deal with speical problems of Western States viz. Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra, particularly the economic development in the tribal and rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the specific steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PRORGAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) to (c) The Central Government have not prepared any specific comprehensive and integrated programme to deal with the special problems of the Western States of Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra. It is primarily the responsibility of the State Government concerned to formulate and implement the development programmes in their States. The States are, however, assisted by the Central Government through Central/Centrally Sponsored Schemes including Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP) for the economic development in the tribal areas and through poverty Alleviation Programmes like Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP), Jawahar Rojgar Yojana (JRY), Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) etc. for rural areas. In addition the Area Development Programmes like Drought Prone Area Programme, Desert Development Programme (DDP), Hill Area Development Programme in the identified areas of all the States including Western States are also implemented with the

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Mega Power Projects in the Country

629. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Mega Power Projects with capacity of over 1000 MW being executed in the country;

(b) the location of those projects, State-wise, and the capacity thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to change their policy with regard to implementation of such mega power projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES: (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) and (b) The details of power projects with capacity of

over 1000 MWs that would supply power to more than one State being executed in the country, are given below:

Sl. No.	Name of Project & Capacity (MW)	Name of State
1.	Vindhyachal STPP ST. VII (2×500)	Madhya Pradesh
2.	Nathpa Jhakri Power Project (6×250)	Himachal Pradesh
3.	Tehri Hydro Electric Project St. I (4×250)	Uttar Pradesh
4.	Sardar Sarovar Hydro Electric Project (1450)	Madhya Pradesh, Maharahstra and Gujarat.

(c) and (d) To promote setting up mega power project through the private sector route, it has been decided that Central Electricity Authority would identify potential sites, National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) would prepare feasibility reports and POWERGRID would take measures, for selection of promoters and help in finalising power purchase agreements between the promoter and State Electricity Boards (SEBs).

Civic Amenities in Unauthorised Colonies in Delhi

630. SHRI GYAN RANJAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that lakhs of people are inhabiting unauthorised colonies in Delhi, without any civic amenities like water, electricity, sewer, etc.;

(b) if so, what is their number; and

(c) by when such basic amenities would be provided in those colonies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFARIS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) As per the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi, as on 31.3.1993 there were 1071 unauthorised colonies in existence in Delhi.

The M.C.D. has reported that provision of basic civic amenities to the unauthorised colonies depends on the finalisation of policy on regularisation in respect of the post-June 1977 unauthorised colonies. However, at present the High Court of Delhi in the Civil Writ Petition No. 477193, filed by Common Cause Registered Society, has restrained the respondents, including the Union of India, from taking any further decision or action for regularising any unauthorised colony in Delhi till further orders. The matter is still sub-judice.

Amenities Provided by Service Centre of Sector-12 R.K. Puram

631. SHRI V. KISHORE CHANDRA S. DEO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 314 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th February, 1996 and state:

(a) the details of the revised scale of amenities being provided by the Service Centre of the Government Colony of Sector-12, R.K. Puram, New Delhi; and

(b) the details of work done since the last two years, both electrical and civil, by the said Service Centre?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS: (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) The revised scale of amenities for Type-II, III and IV quarters are given in the Annexure. [*See Appendix 179, annexure No. 17*] In case these amenities are not avail-